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SUBJ: CONTINUING SYRIAN MEDIA REACTION TO UGANDA RESCUE
OPERATION

1. JULY 12 SYRIAN PRESS REPORTED THAT ISRAELI FONMIN ALLON
ANTICIPATED AMERICAN VETO OF ANY SC RESOLUTION CONDEMNING
ISRAEL. FOLLOWUP REPORT ON AFTERMATH OF RESCUE OPERATION
ASSERTED "SECRETARY KISSINGER TALKS ABOUT TERRORISM AND
PRAISES AGGRESSION AGAINST UGANDA."

2. IN JULY 12 TISHRIIN, COLUMNIST WHO DRAFTED BITTER
ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. ROLE IN LEBANON TURNED HIS PEN TO
CONDEMNING U.S. RESPONSE TO UGANDA RAID. HE CLAIMED THAT
SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ABOUT RAID REVEALED:

- (A) U.S. ATTACHES NO WEIGHT TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY;
- (B) U.S. ATTACHES NO IMPORTANCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW;
- (C) WASHINGTON SUPPORTS TERRORISM PRACTICED BY
IMPERIALIST STATES BUT DEPLORES INDIVIDUAL REACTIONS
TO IMPERIALIST TERRORISM;
- (D) WASHINGTON PARALYZES SC ROLE IN MAINTAINING

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PEACE BY VETO POWER AND MANIPULATION OF SC PROCEEDINGS; AND

(E) USG STANDS BEHIND ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST ARAB COUNTRIES AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. HE ADDED THAT PAST U.S. "CRIMES" IN SE ASIA AND AGAINST CUBA HAD PROVIDED GENERAL MODEL FOR ISRAELI ACTION. HE CONCLUDED BY REMINDING READERS OF U.S. MATERIEL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

3. COMMENT: TISHRIIN BLAST UNSURPRISING GIVEN PREVIOUSLY DISPLAYED TALENT OF ITS COLUMNIST FOR ANTI-U.S. INVECTIVE. COVERAGE OF UGANDA AFFAIR STILL COMMANDS FRONT-PAGE SPACE BUT APPEARS TO BE TAPERING OFF.
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